

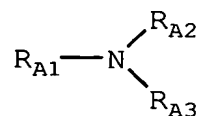
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An inkjet ink comprising a dye, water, a water-miscible organic solvent and at least one compound selected from an amino acid derivative containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms and a metal chelating compound containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms.

2. A concentrated inkjet ink comprising a dye, water, a water-miscible organic solvent and at least compound selected from an amino acid derivative containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms and a metal chelating compound containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms.

3. The inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the amino acid derivative is a compound represented by the following formula (A):

Formula (A)

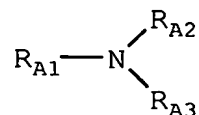


wherein $\text{R}_{\text{A}1}$ represents an alkyl group having 6 or more carbon atoms, $\text{R}_{\text{A}2}$ and $\text{R}_{\text{A}3}$ each represent an alkyl group, a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group, provided that at least one of $\text{R}_{\text{A}2}$ and $\text{R}_{\text{A}3}$ is a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group.

4. The concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 2,

wherein the amino acid derivative is a compound represented by the following formula (A):

Formula (A)



wherein $\text{R}_{\text{A}1}$ represents an alkyl group having 6 or more carbon atoms, $\text{R}_{\text{A}2}$ and $\text{R}_{\text{A}3}$ each represent an alkyl group, a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group, provided that at least one of $\text{R}_{\text{A}2}$ and $\text{R}_{\text{A}3}$ is a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group.

5. A method of producing the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1 comprising diluting the concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 2.

6. A method of producing the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 3 comprising diluting the concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 4.

7. An ink set for inkjet recording method comprising the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1.

8. An ink set for inkjet recording method comprising the concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 2.

9. An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1.

10. An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the concentrated inkjet

ink as claimed in Claim 2.

11. An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the ink set as claimed in Claim 7.

12. An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the ink set as claimed in Claim 8.